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The American Numismatic and Archæological Society of New York.

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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

THE Society desiring to collect and preserve materials in order to enable the Historiographer to prepare and read before it, upon the demise of any member, a memorial of his life, these queries are forwarded to you with the earnest request that they may be answered *in extenso*, and returned without delay.

QUESTIONS.

1 What is your full name? *Answer.* Richard Lalor Burtsell

2. What were the names of your parents? *A.* John Low Burtsell and Dorothea Morrogh

3. What were the names of your grandparents? *A.* Peter Burtsell and Mary Lalor
John Morrogh and Mary Blowden

4. When and where were you born? *A.* on april 14th 1840 and in New York City

5. If you are married, give the maiden name of your wife, and her residence, the names of her parents, the date of your marriage, and the place where you were married? *A.* Unmarried

6. If you have had any children, give their names in the order of their birth. *A.* None.

7. If any member of your family is deceased, give the name and date of death. *A.* — My parents are both dead; my father in July 1851 and my mother in April 1875.

8. State where you were brought up and educated. *A.* New York, Montreal and Rome.

9. If you were graduated by any college, give the name and class. *A.* College of the Propaganda, Rome, Italy – Philosophy Class of 1858, and Theological Class 1862.

10. State what degrees, if any, have been conferred, and by whom. *A.* Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Theology (divinity) by the College of Propaganda, Rome.

11. State your occupation; and if you are a member of any of the learned professions. *A.* Clergyman. Rector of Church of the Epiphany, on Second Ave near 21st St. New York City

12. If you have held any public office, either Municipal, State or Federal, state what, when, and for how long. *A.*

13. If you have been connected with any corporations, or other societies, state in what manner. *A.* Member of New York Historical Society, Chairman of the Executive Committee on Publications of U. S. Catholic Historical Society, Member of former Cath. Eccles. Society of N.Y.

14. If you have written any book, pamphlet or article which has been printed, state when and where published, and give titles in full, and please furnish copies to the Library of the Society. *A.* Correspondent (formerly) of Catholic Standard of Philadelphia, Contributing editor (formerly) of N.Y. Tablet President (for a time) of Catholic Herald Pub. Co. Wrote an article in Catholic World on the early Colonization of New Jersey in 1883 (?)

15. If any biographical sketch of you or history of your family has been printed, please refer to it? *A.* In Goulding's History of Catholic Churches in New York City by Dr Gilmary Shea.

16. Give in detail any incidents which have gone to make up the history of your life; acquaintance with distinguished men, etc.; in fact, everything that should be presented in a memorial of your life. *A.* Appointed as Assistant Pastor of St Ann's Catholic Church, 8th St & 4th Ave N.Y. City in 1862; After five years, formed the Parish of the Epiphany, and erected the Church of the Epiphany on 2nd Ave near 21st St.

17. If any of your ancestors or descendants have held important positions of honor or trust, please give details. *A.* Charles I of England gave a grant of New Jersey in 1632 to Edmund Plowden one of my ancestors. Francis Plowden, my grandmother's father wrote a History of Ireland from an English Catholic standpoint and other works. His brother Rev Charles Plowden reorganized the Jesuits in England in this century.

See Mumford's History of New Jersey.

18. If you can give the name of the first ancestor of the family in this country, please do so. *A.* Henry Burtsell born in 1734 in England. and Ann King born in 1738, in New York City

NOTE.—Please also send to the Society, for its Album, a photographic likeness of yourself, with your autograph beneath it, if you have not already done so; and donations of anything you may have written will be particularly acceptable, as well as contributions germane to its Library and Cabinets.

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